

**COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

On 21st August 2012, at 09.30 a.m.

**at the Council Chamber of the Provincial Council Building Complex of the Western
Province at No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Sri Jayawardhanapura,
Battaramulla**

AGENDA

- I. Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. Presentation of Papers**
- III. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. Petitions**
- V. Questions**

01. Question to be raised by Hon. Member, Sarath Pathirana, for a reply to be given by the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs: (Q/v(01)/12/19)

- a) Are you aware that twelve urban councilors of Moratuwa Municipal Council including the Mayor have participated in a tour in Indonesia from 14th to 21st July 2012?
- b)
 - i. For what purpose have these peoples' representatives participated in that tour ?
 - ii. Would you explain to this Hon. Council as to the name of the institution that organized this tour?
- c)
 - i. How has financial provisions been allocated for this tour?
 - ii. How much is that amount?
- d) If money of the Moratuwa Municipal Council has been spent for this tour, has measures been taken as per Section 28 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance when that money was obtained?

- e) When leave got approved for this tour, do you accept the fact that measures have not been taken as per Circular F.M. No. 01/2010/01?
- f) According to the letter sent to you by the Councilor of Moratuwa Municipal Council Mr. Nishantha Pradinandra on 20.07.2012 about irregularities and financial forgeries that have taken place with regard to this tour, what action have you taken?

02. Question to be raised by Hon. Member, E. Sirikamal Felician de Silva, for a reply to be given by the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs: (Q/v(01)/12/20)

- a) Have complaints been received that the school authorities of schools of this province have charged money when enrollment of students to grade 01 took place in year 2012?
- b) i. If complaints were received thus, how many schools were there ?
ii. What are their names separately?
- c) Has any inquiry been carried out regarding those complaints?
- d) In such an inquiry which schools were exposed as ones that obtained money?
- e) Which schools have paid that money back to the parents?
- f) i. Have warning letters been sent to principals regarding this matter?
ii. If so, to which principals?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Council Affairs I

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

“Today, Public Affairs shall take precedence”

Council Affairs II

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

“Activities pertaining to Head Nos. 01 and 02 under the subject Public Affairs of the Agenda today shall be conducted free from the provisions stated in the Rules of Procedure Rule Nos. 52(5), 57 (1), 57(4) and 57(5).”

X. Private Members’ Affairs

01. Hon. Member Ashoka Lankathilaka

“The physical resources existing in schools at present lie at a very satisfactory level. Likewise, the academic and non-academic staffs are at a satisfactory level. However, a situation prevails where it takes some time to appoint a new principal when a principal of a school retires and in many instances, the school is administered under an acting principal. Although, how well acting principals work in the post of principal, there is no opportunity for them to get permanent in that position. In a situation like this, a school, which remains at whatever advanced stage, may degenerate.

In order to evade this situation, this Western Province Provincial Council holds the opinion that a reserve of principals should be created within the Western Province either by selecting and training qualified teachers or by selecting suitable persons through principal’s examinations, also, as soon as a principal of a school retires, measures should be taken to appoint a principal from this reserve in place of the retiring principal.” (M/ V (01)/12/07)

[Is connected to the affairs of the
council held on 07.08.2012]

02. Hon. Member Ashoka Lankathilaka

“Different projects are being implemented by the current Government to develop agriculture within the country. A high vegetable and fruit crop yield is being received under the projects like “Api Wawamu, Rata Nagamu”, “Divi Neguma” and “Provision of Fertilizer Subsidies”. During the time of harvest, vegetables and fruits can be obtained at reasonable prices and during those times certain instances where the excess crop is left to decay without being utilized can be seen. That situation affects adversely to the farmers, consumers as well as to the total economy of the country. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that measures should be taken to prepare methodologies to preserve food crops and by introducing them to the farmers to prevent the loss created to the farmers and to provide opportunity to consumers to purchase products at a reasonable price.” (M/ V (01)/12/08)

XI. Public Affairs

01. Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

Motion:

Supplementary Estimate -01 of 2012

“As a Supplementary Estimate needs to be presented in order to make allocations for following requirements to Ministries/ Departments and offices of the Western Province Provincial Council for year 2012, i.e.,

(I) in order to provide additional provisions required for the payment of Special Allowances increased by the Public Administration Circular 31/2011 and to make payments to new recruitments under personal salaries,

(II) to provide additional provisions required for the payment of Drivers’ Allowance and Fuel Allowance of Hon. Members of Provincial Council,

(III) to allocate provisions for the rent required to establish Governor’s Office, Public Service Commission and Health Ministry in new proposed buildings

(IV) to provide allocations for the completion of semi completed school buildings

(V) to allocate additional provisions required to accomplish the expected targets of the Provincial Council Development Programme

(VI) to amend the revenue estimate of the Financial Statement of year 2012;

the Supplementary Estimate 2012-01 to a value of One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four Million Six Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Rupees (Rs. 1,434,635,000) presented for that purpose, should be adopted.”

02. Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

Motion:

Appropriation Statute Relevant to the Supplementary Estimate 2012– 01

“The Appropriation Statute No... of 2012 which authorizes; the payment of money needed for the Supplementary Estimate 2012 -01, of One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four Million Six Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Rupees (Rs. 1,434,635,000) amount from the Western Provincial Fund and the acceptance of money for the said Western Provincial Fund provided by the Sri Lankan Government as grants or any other means, should be adopted”

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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